

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/796,694

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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1. This communication is responsive to the amendment filed on 2/9/07.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-18.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. The request filed on 2/9/07 for a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 based on parent Application No. 10/796694 is acceptable and a RCE has been established. An Action on the RCE follows.

2. The amendment filed on 2/9/07 has been entered. Applicants have amended claims 1-3, 11-13, and 17. Claim 18 is newly added.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-18 are allowed.

Reasons for allowance

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior references art of record, taken alone or in combination, fails to teach or fairly suggest, at least on claims 1 and 17, an electromagnetic component containing curved shape conductive traces, each has two terminal ends, each conductive trace formed on an insulating layer and positioned to form a multi-layer PCB stack, wherein a first one of the conductive trace is formed on the top surface of the PCB stack and a second one of the conductive traces are formed on the bottom surface of the PCB, and a plurality of conductors interconnecting the terminal ends of each conductive trace to form at least one turn of a winding. The component further includes two separate conductive layers, wherein one of the separate conductive layer conductively attached to the first conductive trace formed on the top surface of the PCB stack, and the other separate conductive layer conductively attached to the second conductive trace formed on the bottom surface of the PCB stack.

None of the references art of record teaches or suggests either alone or in combination the two separate conductive layers; in which one of the separate conductive layer conductively attached to the top conductive traces (positioned on the top surface of the PCB stack) and the other separate conductive layer conductively attached to the bottom conductive traces (positioned on the bottom surface of the PCB stack).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance".

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hoa C. Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-8293. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dean Reichard can be reached on 571-272-1984. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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